

REMARKS

Claims 23-32, 34-63, 65-82, and 84-100 are pending in this application. Claims 33, 64, and 83 have been previously canceled. Claims 1-22 and 101-236 have been previously withdrawn due to an Examiner's Restriction Requirement. Applicants have amended claims 23, 32, 63, and 82 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

Rejection of Claims 32 and 34-62 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claims 32 and 34-62 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, indicating a "lack of physical hardware in the claim language and as such the claims can be read as computer code per se." (Office Action, dated December 29, 2009, page 2, section 4, hereinafter "Office Action.") Applicants have amended claims 32 (and accordingly 34-62 through incorporation by reference), as requested by the Examiner, to recite that "the computer system having a computer processor and a memory," and that the acts of the method are performed "under control of the computer processor of the computer system."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection of claims 32 and 34-62.

Rejection of Claims 23-32, 34-63, 65-82 and 84-100 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 23-32, 34-63, 65-82 and 84-100 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the "Examiner finds the claims language of the independent claims vague where it is stated 'concurrently allowing online transaction processing while supporting online analysis.'" (Office Action, page 3, section 6).

Applicants have amended claim 23 to now recite "concurrently providing online transaction processing that may affect relationships among the enterprise portfolio data while supporting online analysis of the presented views of the enterprise portfolio data." Applicants have also amended claims 32, 63, and 82 to now recite "concurrently allowing online transaction

processing that may affect the hierarchy of object instance while supporting online analysis of the displayed object instances.”

These amendments find support in Applicants’ Specification in numerous locations. For example, the Specification describes: “Thus, analysis of the data can appear to occur concurrently with transactions on the underlying data.” (Specification, page 9, lines 9-10) The Specification also describes a “Meta-Object Data Management System (“MODMS”), which enables users to arrange and to rearrange the hierarchical relationships of the data on an ad-hoc basis so that the data may be analyzed using any set of attributes (dimensions) while the system is running.” (Specification, page 3, lines 21-24 and page 9, lines 6-9.)

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

Based upon the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments and to reconsider this application and its timely allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with Applicants or finds minor informalities, Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview to discuss the Examiner’s issues and to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1050. Again, Applicants’ representative thanks the Examiner for his prompt and courteous attention.

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